

CHAPTER 56

CAT AND DOG LICENSES

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56.01 ANNUAL LICENSE REQUIRED. Every owner of a cat or dog six months old or older shall procure a license for such cat or dog from the Clerk's office on or before January 1 each year and shall pay to the Clerk a fee of \$10.00 for each animal. Fees paid on or after April 1 each year shall be \$25.00 for each license. An additional \$1.00 charge shall be assessed for all licenses issued by mail. All violations of any provision(s) of Section 56.01 are hereby declared simple misdemeanors punishable by a fine of at least \$50 plus surcharge and court costs and/or municipal infractions punishable as listed in Chapter 3 of this Code of Ordinances. Violations may be prosecuted at the sole discretion of the peace officer.

56.02 IMMUNIZATION CERTIFICATE. No such license shall be issued until the owner shall procure for examination a certificate of a veterinarian licensed to practice in the State of Iowa that the cat or dog has been vaccinated against rabies and that the vaccination does not expire within six months from the effective date of the license.

56.03 ISSUANCE OF LICENSE. Upon payment of the license fee and production of the certificate, the Clerk's office shall issue to the owner a license which shall contain the name of the owner, the owner's place of residence and a description of the cat or dog. Said license shall be executed in duplicate, one copy of which shall be retained by the Clerk's office as a public record.

56.04 TAGS. The Clerk shall also issue and deliver to said owner a metal tag stamped with the number of the license and the year for which it is issued. The tag shall be worn at all times by the cat or dog for which the license is issued. Every cat or dog found off the property of its owner without said license tag attached to its collar or harness shall be deemed to be unlicensed.

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